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AFL URGES STOPPING REDS IN KOREA

Daughter's Death Broke His Heart

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(Granddaughter of Samuel Gompers, founder and first president of the AFL, sets down some of her recollections for the Washington, D. C., Trades Unionist. Second of two articles.)

WASHINGTON. — When grandfather was away from Washington on the innumerable trips he had to make all over the United States and in other countries, he was never too busy to send us messages on picture cards showing points of interest. He was never too pressed to find time to purchase a personal souvenir for each of us at home.

During World War I, I was with the American Red Cross in France. It was at this time that grandfather was in Paris serving as chairman of the International Labor Commission. I wrote him from Savenay, where I was stationed, and he invited my roommate and me to come to Paris to visit him. Those were a memorable four days for me. He took us to the Hotel Crillon where the peace Congress had its headquarters and we were permitted to sit in the background and watch him preside over this labor conference with its representatives from almost every country in the world. It was shortly after the Armistice and he had arranged for our entertainment and automobile trip to Chateau-Thierry, Soissons and Belleau Woods. One of my most vivid recollections is of grandfather and the rest of our party standing in the bleak ruins of the old hunting lodge at Belleau Woods, eating our lunch and surveying the devastation on all sides, with the remnants of battle not yet cleared away, dimly seen through a light covering of snow.

All was not grim during that trip to Paris, however. One evening when he was free, grandfather wanted to take us to the theater. He directed his secretary, Mr. Oyster, to secure tickets to a good show. Our party of about six arrived at the theater with great anticipation, but before we were through the first quarter of the first act it was evident to all that we were witnessing a French drama of the heaviest type, and since none of us are fluent in French, it was a more or less agonizing experi-

ence. As to why we were there with a natural and audible protest from the French audience about us. Our course was resolved for us when grandfather abruptly stood up and started out of the theater with all of us trailing behind. He commended a taxi and we were soon comfortably seated at the Folies Bergere. Some of this show may have been in French, but most of it was in universal language readily understood by the heterogeneous audience of Americans, British, Aussies, New Zealanders and, oh yes, French!

During our visit, grandfather tried to have as many meals with us as the press of conferences and other work would permit and it was agreed that we should meet him each morning for breakfast. This usually turned out to be a three-ring circus with telephone calls being brought to the table, requests for interviews by reporters, messengers dashing up, etc. A couple of times I remember he finally had to give up and move to another table and let us eat alone.

Of his large family of children only six reached adulthood, and although I was a very small child at the time, I distinctly recall how very much he was affected by the deaths of a son and a daughter just a few years apart. However, the great sorrow of his life was the sudden death during the flu epidemic in 1918 of his youngest daughter. She was the only one of his children still living at home and

U. S. Unions Protest Peron War On Argentine Maritime Workers

Washington. — AFL railroad and independent unions have asked the U. S. State Department and other government agencies to help end President Peron's war against the legitimate maritime worker's unions in the Argentine.

The representations were made to the U. S. State Department through Edward G. Miller, Jr., assistant secretary for Inter-American Affairs, with a request that Peron's conduct be kept in mind the next time he deals with the Peron government on matters concerning economic aid and other subjects.

U. S. union spokesmen were A. E. Lyon, executive secretary Railway Labor Executives Association; Eric Peterson, secretary-treasurer International Association of Machinists, and Serafino Romualdi, AFL Latin American representative.

Peron, through his Ministry of Transport and Ministry of Labor and Social Security, has discriminated against the Confederation of Maritime and Allied Trades and its individual members.

The International Transportworkers Federation alleges that "there is a fixed resolve to destroy the remains of trade union freedom represented in Argentina by the Confederation of Maritime and Allied Trades."

Peron has decreed that these unionists have as much as it is outside the general organization embracing all the workers of the country within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Labor and is not identified with the social policy pursued by the national government.

The government sponsors the General Confederation of Labor (CGT) which the AFL and other free trade unions of the world have condemned as a creature of the Peron dictatorship.

The action against the free independent unions affiliated with the International Transportworkers is the latest in the long series of crimes and persecutions perpetrated by the Peron government against free working men.

It is hoped that the matter will be presented to the Permanent Commission to investigate violations of trade union rights set up by the International Labor Organization in co-operation with the United National Economic and Social Council.

The U. S. reportedly would support an investigation of this latest Peron outrage.

PICKS DELEGATES
Washington. — AFL President William Green announced appointment as AFL fraternal delegates to the convention of the British Trades Union Congress, at Brighton, England, Sept. 4, President Alex Rose, United Hatters, Cap and Millinery Workers International Union, and President Joseph P. McCurdy, United Garment Workers of America.



ILO Listener

Geneva, Switzerland. — President Leo George of AFL National Association of Postal Clerks listens attentively to debate at International Labor Organization meeting which he attended as adviser to U.S. Workers Delegate George P. Delaney.

EXCISE TAXES
Washington. — The House passed the 1950 tax bill reducing excise taxes \$1,010,000,000 on admissions, communications, transportation, toilet articles, luggage, jewelry and many other items. The bill was sent to the Senate.

Senate Hikes Social Security Payments

WASHINGTON. — The following tables show the social security changes approved by the Senate as compared with present levels and the changes approved by the House last year:

Present	House	Maximum		Present	House	Maximum	
		Senate	Fam. (1)			Senate	Fam. (1)
\$10	\$25	\$20	\$40	30	51	51	113
15	31	31	50	35	55	62	145
20	36	37	59	40	60	68	150
25	44	43	78	45	64	72	150

(1) Same for both House and Senate bills.
(Example: A retired worker now receiving \$30 a month would receive \$51 under the House bill or \$56 under the Senate bill. His maximum family benefit would be \$113.)

Average Monthly	Benefit for Worker With Five Years' Full Coverage				Average Monthly	Benefit for Worker With 40 Years' Full Coverage			
	Present	House	Senate	Senate		Present	House	Senate	Senate
\$ 50	\$21	\$26	\$25	\$25	\$ 50	\$28	\$30	\$25	
100	26	51	50	50	100	35	60	50	
150	32	56	58	58	150	42	66	58	
200	37	62	65	65	200	49	72	65	
250	42	67	72	72	250	56	78	72	
300	42	72	80	80	300	56	84	80	

A widow of a covered worker receives three-quarters of the benefit her husband would have received.
A retired worker receives an additional 50 per cent of his benefit.
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PREPARING FOR CAMPAIGN J. R. Surtman, chairman of the national firms committee of the Community Chest's annual financial drive, met yesterday with chest officials and committee members to make plans for this group's part in the campaign. The drive, which will be held in October, will raise money to support more than 20 Red Feather services of the Community Chest in the new year. Shown, left to right, are W. S. Lupo and Harvey G. Booth, committee members, John F. Watlington, Jr., general campaign chairman, and Mr. Surtman.



By ARNOLD BEICHMAN.
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NEW YORK. — A 7-point program of action designed to halt Soviet aggression in South Korea and thereby assure "the peace and security of the entire world" has been proposed by the Free Trade Union Committee of the AFL. In an emergency declaration, the committee, headed by Vice President Matthew Woll, urged the following steps be taken:

Meany Says Reds Losing In Europe Switched To Hot War In Korea

By ARNOLD BEICHMAN
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New York. — George Meany, AFL secretary-treasurer, returning from a six weeks' tour of western Europe, stated that the soviet Union is most certainly losing the cold war which, he added "may be the reason for switching to a hot war policy."

The statement was a reference to the communist attack on South Korea which was announced by our government the day Mr. Meany returned. Amplifying his opinion that the Soviet Union is being defeated politically in Europe, he said that the Tito defection was giving encouragement to non-communists behind the Iron Curtain.

"The highlight of the European situation," said Mr. Meany, "is Italy, where all the free trade unions have now been welded into one movement—Socialist and Christian, with 2,000,000 members and it is really functioning. In Italy the fight is between the communist unions and the Pastore-led free unions." Secondly, Albania, a Soviet satellite, is virtually useless to the Soviet Union, politically and militarily, because it is overrun with opposition and surrounded by Tito's Yugoslavia and anti-communist Greece.

Reporters during the shipboard conference with the AFL official asked if Tito would be received in the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions if Yugoslav trade unions applied for admission. Without a second's hesitation, Mr. Meany, who recently attended an ICFU executive council session in Brussels, replied, "No." He said:

"Yugoslav unions are still unions in name only, government-controlled. The situation with Tito is like when Hitler attacked the Russians in 1941. We all rooted for the Russians but we didn't get into bed with them. It is wise for our government to offer encouragement to the Tito movement but, at the same time, our government should try to get restrictions imposed by Tito on labor and religious groups loosened."

Mr. Meany predicted that before the year's end he expected that the ICFU would have affiliated with it every free trade union movement in the world. He also criticized the Marshall Plan for not helping the workers in European countries to the extent that it should.

"Workers in Italy and in France are working for starvation wages," he asserted. "In France, the lots of the workers have not improved very much and are far too low even by French standards."

PLAN INSTITUTES
New Brunswick, N. J. — The AFL International Chemical Workers Union has chosen Rutgers University for the East and University of Wisconsin for the West as centers for its first summer institutes for training officers and stewards in locals east of the Mississippi. The selection was announced by Dr. Otto Pragan, union education director.

1. UN, in accordance with its charter, should render all aid to Korea.

2. UN to appeal to the Soviet Union "to order its puppet North Korean regime to halt its invasion and withdraw forthwith" north of the 38th parallel.

3. If this UN appeal is flouted, full diplomatic and economic sanctions against the Soviet Union and North Korea should be taken.

4. Conclusion of a treaty of mutual aid between the U. S. and Korea and "undertake to mobilize and equip its citizenry to chase the Russian-led invaders across the frontier from which the communist attack was launched."

5. Provide military supplies and personnel essential to defeat any communist assault on Formosa.

6. "In view of the experience in Czechoslovakia, Germany, China and Korea with the communist fifth column as an auxiliary of the Soviet government in its policy of subversion and imperialist expansion against all free countries, the Departments of National Defense, State and Justice—together with a commission of private citizens representative of labor, management, the farmers and the public—should be charged with preparing an effective democratic program to uproot, paralyze and eliminate all such traitorous agents, agencies and activities from our country."

7. An address by President Truman before a joint session of the House and Senate in support of the above program "in order to impress upon the American people the gravity of the crisis."

The committee's statement declared:

"Korea is not merely a small and distant land. The tragic plight of the Korean people is a grave peril to all of us. The cynical rulers of expansionist Russia are striking through the Koreans at all free nations. We are confident that the American people, and especially organized labor in the United States, realize that it is easier to stop the communist aggressors in Korea than in California."

The statement pointed out that Korea, created by the UN, had recently held democratic elections and launched constructive social reforms, all this despite a powerful fifth column supported by the Soviet Union. The United States, under UN supervision, voluntarily withdrew from Korea our army of liberation in contrast to Soviet policy which refused the UN the right to supervise "withdrawal of Soviet troops from Northern Korea."

AFL VS. CIO

New York City. — The AFL Textile Workers Union convention voted support of "our government's Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program" and urged vigorous action "unimpeded by partisan political obstacles and the sordid pressure of special interests."

The action of the AFL textile workers is particularly significant in the light of the hostile attitude taken by the CIO textile workers toward the Reciprocal Trade Agreements Program of the Truman administration. UTW Secretary-Treasurer Lloyd Klenert said that the UTW, unlike the CIO textile union, does not merely give lip-service to the fight against communism but practices what it preaches.